Regarding the Democratic Presidential Nomination.

MILLS AND THE WAYS AND MEANS.

The Texas Member Declines the Second Place-House Committees to be Aunonneed Wednesday Washington Notes.

Prominent Democrats who have recently rand with ex-President Cleveland assert secure the New York delegation, Mr. Cleve-land protested, saying if the New York masses wanted him they would select a delegation in

said that he was not really desirous of serving another term as President; that he was happy another term as President, that he was mappy another term as President, that he was mappy in his domestic relations, and prosperous in his domestic relations, and prosperous in his domestic relations, and prosperous in his domestic relations, and it would be an actual sacrifice for from the research public life. If the Democratic misses summer him to the President in will respond, but it is evident that from the domestions with which that committee expected to deal.

The most striking change made by the respect to the president was in the method of succession to the

eaker Crisp attended the meeting of the committee on Rules this morning and subsequently presided over the brief session of the He has a hard task before him in completing the committees by Wednesday, but says he will do it. Mr. Mills has dedined to accept the assignment of second place on the Ways and Means Committee tendered him by the Speaker. He replied that having been the charman he would not care for a subordinate position there, but would accept such other assignments for him as the Speaker

Speaker to make his chief rival leader of House. Speaker Kerr made Mr. Randall, the House. Speaker Kerr made Mr. Randall, his rival, chairman of appropriations. When Randall defeated Blackburn he gave the latter the insignificant chairmanship of the Committee on Expenditores in the War Department and put him on appropriations. When Carlisle defeated Handall he put the inter at the head of Appropriations and made his close friend and supporter, Morrison, chairman of Ways and Mem.

The policy of the managers of the pres-ent House is to consolidate the appropriation bills in the hands of the regular Appropria-tion Committee, as was the rule until, it was tion Committee, as was the rule until it was changed after Speaker Cariisle's election. The change then made was to distribute some of the bills to other committees. For instance, the Naval Committee was given jurisdiction of the Naval appropriation bill, the Postoffice Committee of that for the Postoffice Department, the Agricultural Committee of the bill for Agriculture and Lorein Affairs the Conand loreign Affairs the Con-solution of the bill for and loreign Affairs the Con-solution of the Con-solution of the Con-dity a blow at Mr. Randall. He He was chairman of the Appropria-amutee, which had control of all the

experience has demonstrated that the hange was at anwise one that it tends to harge expenditures. Naturally, any cominterest in that division. The Naval Com-mittee takes pride in the Navy Department and its work feels a sect of fatherly care for holding that it is better to practice on elsewhere. So, too, with the Post Committee, as to its special charge, the mize wherever economy is proper and At least this is the policy with Demo-

must cut expensitures below the extravagant figures of the billion-lollar Concress. The Democrats stand pledged to retrenchment, ment a consolidation of many bills into the batch of the regular Appropriations Commit-ice is necessary. It is believed this will be provided for in the new rules, which will be reported upon the reconvening of Congress

The following postal changes have been made in North Carolina. New postedness have been made as follows: Brooks, Allaghary county, Drewry B. Smith postmaster, special services from Whitehead Hero, Transilvania county, Newton M

d county, and to Marlborough, Pitt

The following is the full text of the correapondence between Speaker Crisp and Representative Mills, of Tons.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18, 1881. Hon. R. Q. Mills, City

Dear Sir. Having been too much engaged to call upon you, and being soon about to enter upon the work of constituting the House enter upon the work of constituting the House commutees. I area year a line to know if it would be a recable or acceptable to you to be appointed second on the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to such assignment to be appointed chairman of the Committee on Commerce or chairman of the Committee on Postonices and Postroats, or chairman of some committee where work is less ishorious than chairman on Postonices. Would be glad to have a reply at your earliest convenience. to have a reply at your earliest convenience, as I desire to make up and announce the committees in a few days.

House of Representatives, U. S., I.

Hon, Charles F. Crisp, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

My lear Sir. I have received your letter of the 1sth instant, asking me if it would be agreeable or acceptable to me to be appointed account on the Committee of Ways and Means, and In addition to such assignment to be ap-

as Jun addition to such assignment to be appointed "chairman of the Committee on Commerce, or chairman of the Committee on Postodices and Postroads, or chairman of some committee whose work is less laborious than Commerce or Postodices."

Having been a member of the Committee on Ways and Means for ten years, and chairman in the Fiftieth Congress, the reasons which have in your judgment rendered my appoint ment as chairman unwise would disqualify me for service in any other place on that committee, and it would not be success to say that it would be agreeable to accept your tender. I leave to you without any suggesthat it would be agreeated to accept your tender. I leave to you without any suggestion from me to make such other assignment as you in the discharge of your duty may demand. Yours truly, R. Q. Mills.

HOUSE OF REPERSENTATIVES, Mr. McMillin, of Tennessee, offered a confrom December 2 d to January 5th, which was adopted. Mr. McMillin, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a report covering morning. The men will recover.

MR. CLEVELAND'S POSITION the appointment of committees of the Fifty-second Congress, giving the lists of committees to be appointed.

The Speaker is authorized to appoint such

conference committees as may be ordered. The first named member shall be chairman of The first named member shall be chairman of the committee in his absence the second members shall serve as chairman, unless the members elect one of their number to serve, in case of vacancy by death of the chairman, the Speaker shall appoint another to serve in his stead. Chairmen of the committees shall appoint the clerks and assistant clerks thereof to be approved by the members. In connection with the report, Mr. McMillin presented an order directing the Speaker to appoint the following select committee: Reform in the Civil Service. Election of President, Vice-Fresident and Representatives in

ident, Vice-President and Representatives in Congress, thirteen members each: Alcoholic Lauter Traffic lumigration and Naturalization; Irrigation of the Arid Lands, eleven members each; Veutilation and Accustics, seven each.

After the report and order had been read Mr. McMillin stated that the changes made by the committee had not been many. The Committee on Ways and Means had been inconversations with him lately. He says that Mr. Cleveland is willing to leave the choice of a presidential candidate entirely in the hands committee made it fit that it should pace in size with the House. The Committee on Indian Depredation Claims had been abolished for the reason that in the last Congress a bill had been passed referring all such claims to a special court for consideration and adjudiciation. The Committee on World's Fair and Immigration and Naturalization had been increased from nine to eleven members, for reasons that were apparent to every one, their present and growing importance. A change had been made in the name of the Committee on Commerce to that of the Committee on Interstate and For-

> port was in the method of succession to the chairmanship of a committee in case of the death of the chairman. The second member, ed the naval officials think the under the old rule, took the vacant place; now the Chair will appoint as in the first

Mr. McMillin said in conclusion that the

Mr. McMillin said in conclusion that the committee had not undertaken, for want of time, to fix the jurisdiction of the committee, and that it would be reported in the future. The report of the committee was agreed to. A resolution offered by Mr. Springer, providing for the payment of salaries to officers and employes for the month on the 24th instant, was unanimously passed.

Mr. Enlag offered a resolution which was

instant, was unanimously pessed.

Mr. Enlee offered a resolution, which was referred to the Committe on Rules, providing for an investigation of the Pension Bureau.

Mr. Catchings, of Mississippi, moved that when the House adjourn that it be to Wednesday, the 23d instant, and he asked unanimous consent for an understanding that on that day no business would be in order execut the spirit business would be in order except the joint resolution providing for the holiday recess, swearing in of new members and the an-nouncement of committees. This was agreed to.

Mr. Chipman, of Michigan, then announced the death of his late colleague, the Hon. M. H. Ford, and in pursuance of the usual resolution, the House at 12:35 adjourned until

Guttenburg, N. J. Following are the results at Guttenburg

First race, four and a half furlones -Mike Watson won, Void second, Aunt Jane third, Second race, five-eighths mile - Tyrant won, Lupa (filly) second, Magic third. Time,

Third race, one mile-Estelle won, Cynosure second, Climax third, Time, 1-13, Fourth race, six and a half furlongs—Toano won, Mohican second, Prince Howard third. Time, 1:21%.

Fifth race, three-fourths mile—Peruviau won, Knapsack second, Dago third. Time,

Sixth race, seven-eighths mile—Duke John won, Sparling second, Rock third. Time, 1:29. The entries for Guttenburg to-morrow

First race, three-fourths of a mile, selling, beaten horses—Little Jim, Repeater, Brus-sells, Ballarat, Paradise, Hawkstone, 122; Frank L. St. John, Penzance, Catherine B, 119 Missive, 117; Pennyroyal, Jule G. Nubian, mma J. 114. Second race, five-eighths of a mile, selling-

Second race, nye-egains of a line, yellow Volunteer H., 119, Inierno, 108, Equality, Foxhili, Tioga, Urbana, 195, Himlex, 194; Salisbury, Noonday, 191; Ruth, Addie T., 20; Sir William, 98; Gold Digger, Little Fred, 25; Ze-

Third race, six and a half furlongs-Eclipse, 117. Maggie Beck, 114. Kancocas, Jack Rose Text. Roquefort, 112. Sir George, Vagabond, Lowlander, Alderman Mac, Umpire Kelly,

Fourth race, one and a half miles, selling Lord of the Harem, 715; Odette, Longstride, 100; The Sheriff, Eblis, 106; Benefit, 102; Long en, 191, Joeberg, Harry Ireland, 17, Wyn-yood, Vosburg, 95, Sir Rae, 85; War Duke,

rifth race, three-quarters of a mile, sell-ing—Gambler, 197; Silver Thread (filly), 195; O. P. B., 192; Alma T., Eliza, Smingeler, Knapsack, 199, Wigwam, 98; Padre, Taran-Sixth race, seven-eighths of a mile, sell-

ing Little Jake, 1:0 Centaur, 117: Gettysburg, 114: Baylor, 112: Firefly Sparling, Fitzroy, Boheman, 111; Mabelle, 100: Heathen, Hairspring, Count Luna, 108; Duke John, 106; Austral, Florimor, 103.

Grip in Williamsburg.

Williamswill, Va., Dec. 12.—[Special.]— During the last twenty-four hours there were four deaths in our town, all due to the grip and its consequences. Such a state of affairs as this has not been known in the memory of the oldest inhabitant. The names of the deceased are Henry Fenton, Mis. Virginia A. Go dman, Miss Gabriella Galt and John Moore (colored).
Mayor Henley, who was reported the first

part of the week as convalescent and who was out a day or two ago, is down again, General Marcus I. Wright, of the War Records Office, Washington, was here yesterday to see Colonel B. S. Ewell and President Lyon G. Tyler on business in connection with

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Galt, of Norfolk arrived here to-day to attend the funeral to-inorrow of the late Miss Gabriella Galt. Mr. and Mrs. Fred, Pease, of West Point, are here to attend the funeral of Mrs. Goodman, the mother of Mrs. Pease.

Fell Dead by Her Son's Bier.

PORT CHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Samuel H Dodson, until recently employed at the Mer chants' Disputch Car Works at East Roches chants Dispatch Car Works at rast Roches-ter, but who was dismissed on account of negligence, of which he claimed he was not guilty, committed suicide yesterday. This morning, his Susan Bodson, the widowed mother of the suicide, while at the balside of her son, suddenly fell back in her chair and expired.

Shot and Hanged Himself.

JERSEYVILLE, ILE., [Dec. 19.—Ornan Clark, aged thirty-five years, committed suicide yesterday by standing on a trestle, placing a rope around the beam above and tying it around his neck. He then shot himself through the head with a revolver. The short is the process of the pr ing knocked him off the trestle and shortly after the body was found hanging from the beam. He leaves a widow and one child.

Gold and Silver Exports.

New Your, Dec. 19. - Exports of gold from New York for the week ending to-day, as offi-cially reported at the custom-house, were \$61,600, all to South American ports. Silver, \$126,500, nearly all to France and England. Imports of gold were \$985,982, chiefly from France and Eugland; of silver, \$99,218, from the West Indies.

Blast Farnace Explosion.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dac. 19.—Three men. William Kolkinazy, Frank Schubert and Theodore Lowskesky, were severely burned by an explosion of blast furnace No. 1, at the Illinois Furnace Rolling Mills at 1 o'clock this

OUR LEGATION IN DANGER.

Minister Egan Cables that His House is Surrounded by a Mob.

NAVY DEPARTMENT MUCH CONCERNED.

He is Asked for a Full Report in the Matter-It is Thought the Baltimore Affair Will Now Be Brought to a Head.

New York, Dec. 19. A special from Washington to the World at a late hour to-night

says its correspondent was enabled to secure a translation of a cipher dispatch from Minister Egan to the State Department, in which he stated that a critical state of af-

fairs existed in Santiago. The dispatch states that the American legation is surrounded by the police and a mob, and threats are freely made to blow it up or burn it on account of the rolugees there.

Copies of the cablegram, the correspondent says, had been sent to the President and Navy Department, and much consternation had been created in the latter by its receipt.

The correspondent further states that a cablegram had been prepared to be sent to Minister Egan asking him to make a report on the situation.

It is believed at the Navy Department, the correspondent says, that the state of affairs around the legation would not exist if proper

If the situation is really as grave as reported the naval officials think that nothing but force can get the refugees out of the legation. The effect of Mr. Egan's dispatch, it is thought, will result in a demand by Secretary Blaine for a prompt decision in the Baltimore case. If this is unfavorable Congress will be called upon to set, and, if in the meantime further hostile demonstrations are made, an ultimatum will be sent to the Chilian Government and the navy will

THE LABOR FEDERATION

Overrules a Resolution Drawing the Color-Line.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Dec. 19 .- At the convention of the American Federation of Labor today a resolution drawing the color line was introduced and overruled. The majority report favored an eight-hour day. Chairman Foster was presented with a pipe bythe convention in honor of his birthday. A resolution indorsing the boycott on shoes manufactured by George Ludlow & Co., was agreed to.

The committee on Knights of Labor propositions made a report settling differences between that grant that are an arrived and the Labor Peals.

tween that organization and the Labor Fede-

CONVICT LABOR,

The committee on unfair immigration re-ported a long resolution condemning un-limited immigration and urged that the ex-isting immigration laws be more rigidly en-

I'htladelphia was decided on as the place of meeting of the next convention.

After usual resolutions of thanks the convention adjourned sine die.

THE LOUISIANA STATE TICKET.

NEW OBLEANS, LA., Dec. 10.-The regular

Democratic convention met this morning and completed its ticket. Hon, Gabriel Monta gue was nominated for State treasurer, E. W. Sutherlin for attorney-general, L. F. Mason for secretary of State, O. B. Steele for audi-tor and J. V. Celhoun for superintendant of public education. All the nominces have accepted. The platform is a lengthy document, de-

nouncing monopolies and eulogizing Mel'a-ery and Wickliffe and declaring the election machinery of the State must not be turned igainst regular party nominees. These resoutions instruct the State Central Committee to use their endeavors to have the lottery question settled by white primaries. The convention then adjourned.

A COLORED PRIEST Was Ordained in Baltimore Yesterday by

the Catholic Church. BALTIMORE, Mo., Dec. 19. - The Cathedral

of St. Peter and Paul was crowded this morning with representatives of the Catholic clergy and laity who had assembled to witness the and laity who had assembled to witness the ordination of the first colored man to be raised to the Catholic presthood in Maryland. His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons officiated, and the ceremony of ordination was preceded by the celebration of solemn high mass. The name of the new priest is Charles R. I neles, and he is a light-colored man. He was born in this city thirty years ago. He will say his first mass on Christmas morning, and early in the new year he will be assigned to special work among his race. There is one other col-ored priest in this country a resident of Chicago, but he was raised and educated to

To Fight Judge Woods.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—It is said that the Democratic senators will make a fight against the confirmation of Judge Woods, of Indiana, who has been nominated as one the judges of the new Circuit Cour Judge Woods was on the Indiana storeme bench at the time of the trial of the famous conspiracy cases and his decision then gave great offense; to the Democrats. Senator Voorhees goes to Indiana to-night for a ten days' visit, and it is probable that upon his return he will be fortified for the

Cyrus W. Field in Extremis.

w Your, Dec. 19. - Cyrus W. Field's con dition shows no improvement to-day. He is

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU! Many a Joyous Anthem Will Be Rendered at

the Churches. Christmas with all of its glorious cheer, its

blazing fires, its commingling of friends, ts hallowed associations and precious memories, is almost upon us, and the crowded thoroughfares and stores throughd with purchasers of pretty presents all attest the fact that this year's festival is keeping pace with that of the good old times, when the day began with a shout and ended

The Santa Claus who for years with his snow-covered beard and precious pack has scaled the chimney tops and filled the stockings and hearts of the children with tops and happiness, is daily perfecting his arrangements and filling up his storehouse with beautiful trinkets for the benefit of his admiring and cradulous wors justers.

and credulous worshipers.

His mail for weeks has been daily crowded with loving requests and his anxious correspondents have tossed in troubled slumbers upon their tiny pillows mindful even in their dreams of all his precious promises.

In every home and church and school

preparations are being made for this, our greatest festal day, and with greeting and mirth and music the day will be ushered in, and with the interchange of fond remembrances and religious services it will be filled.

Since the hour when the glad song from the angelio choir burst upon a slumbering world, and with joyful acclaim heralded a hope for man, no Christmas day has passed without the harmonious reproduction of the rythmic proclamation, "Peace on earth, good will to man."

THE LONDON TIMES

On the Virginia Debt Settlement-Will Not Increase Virginia's Credit. (By Cable to The Times.)

London, Dec. 19. The Times this morning regarding the Virginia debt settlement says: We doubt whether the proposed Virginia debt settlement will increase the credit of debt settlement will increase the credit of Virginia and indirectly enhance the value of railway securities. Those bondholders who think it worth while to stand out against the settlement have a perfect right to do so and will deserve the thanks of the commercial community should they succeed in making better terms for themselves. As a result of the meeting the bonds rose 2% per cent."

Prince Edward.

GREEN BAY, Va., Dec. 19.—Mr. and Mrs. D. Brown are convalescent from recent

Amanda Harding
Lillie, the bright and interesting five-yearold daughter of George Hoch, who recently
sustained painful injuries from the fail of a
tree is improving

tree, is improving.
Western parties are writing here with the

Western parties are writing here with the view of purchasing four thousand of acres of land in one body for the purpose of raising sheep, for which all Southside Virginia is admirally adapted.

Mrs. Mattie Neal, who lives just across the line in Lunenburg county, and Captain Frank Redd, who lives near Farmville, will be married in the Methodist church at Meherrin after the morning services are over to morning the state of the stat

after the morning services are over to mor-row. Rev. W. O. Southail will officiate, after after the morning services are over to-morrow. Rev. W. O. Southall will officiate, after which the contracting parties will proceed to the present handsome residence of the bride.

Miss Hermine, the accomplished daughter of Mr. Conrad Holtzer, is visiting friends in Philadelphia. Mr. Holtzer is a worthy and recent settler from Germany.

R. W. Jones, Esq., has just returned from a pleasant visit to relatives in Louisiana, and was warmly received by his many friends. Doc, as he is familiarly called, will spend Christmas in Mecklenburg.

The Christmas tree celebration here next Friday promises to be unusually entertaining.

The Christmas tree celebration here next Friday promises to be unusually entertaining. The rehearsal of the pupils last evening was very happily rendered and reflects great credit upon the management.

The Misses Evelyn Irby Bolling and Ella Ryland, of Lunenburg, are expected to spend the approaching holiday here and will be the guests of Mrs. Price.

Ture Transis remidly growing in papelon. THE TIMES is rapidly growing in popular favor and is considered here the leading daily

in the State. Death of Mr. Basil Gordon.

Fredericesburg, Va., Dec. 19.—[Special.]—Ir. Basil Gordon, one of the oldest citizens of Caroline county, died last night at Johns
Hopkins Hospital, baltimore, Md., from the
effects of an operation which had just been
performed, in the eighty-fifth year of his age.
Mr. Gordon was a member of the prominent Gordon family of Virginia, and was the
last representative of his government, his hent Gordon family of Virginia, and was the last representative of his generation, his brothes, William K. Gordon and Sam. Gordon having preceded him to the grave several years. He was a cousin of the late Douglas H. Gordon (father of Hon. Basil Gordon, State senator), and was the father of the late Mrs. Dr. Frank Cunningham, of Richward and of Mrs. Lyc. W. Leaven. Richmond, and of Mrs. Lucy W. Herndon, of this city.

Mr. Gordon was twice married. He leaves

Mr. Gordon was twice married. He leaves three children, all by his first marriage, Mrs. Herndon, Mr. Graham Gordon, of Baltimore, and an unmarried daughter, also a widow. The two latter live at the old homestead, Prospect Hill, in Caroline county, a few miles from this city. His remains will be brought here to-night. The arrangements have not been made for the funeral, but the interment will be in the City cemetery.

The regular meeting of the City Council was held last night. Captain S. J. Quinn was re-elected superintendent of city waterworks by a unanimous vote, with an increased salary. Mr. D. C. Fleming was elected su-perintendent of the city cas works and Manufacture. The Democratic Convention Completed its | salary, Mr. D M. H. McCracken chief of the fire depart-

> Mr. George Stone, of Stafford county, was thrown from his vehicle near this city to-day and was seriously hurt. He struck a large stone in falling and became unconscious. He was taken to Falmouth and a physician sum

A Scott County Romance. BRISTOL, TENN., Dec. 19 .- [Special,]-This

Bristol, Tenn., Dec. 19.—[Special.]—This rather romantic story comes from Gate City, county seat of Scott county, Va.: Not long since Mr, Ross Jackson, the newly-elected judge of the Scott County Court, and Miss Beile Edmonds, both of Gate City, were secretly married in Bristol. Mr. Jackson thought that until his position in life became a little more fixed and certain from a financial standpoint the wedding had best be kept a profound secret. had best be kept a profound secret,
He and his bride returned to their
homes in Gats City, and took up their daily
lives just as though no matrimonial ties had
bound them for life. Mr. Jackson had a good
chance for the county judgeship, he made a
hard fight for it and was appointed. Then hard fight for it, and was appointed. Then he returned to the little mountain town and claimed his bride. And so the romantic story

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Bits of News Gathered Here and There by "The Times" Reporters.

Miss Kate Ayers is the guest of Miss Sallie Deane.

Paymaster Lovell and bride have returned

Miss Marian Carter, of Shirley, spent several days in the city last week, Miss McChesney, of Staunton, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. T. Yarbrough.

Mr. Morgan R. Mills is out, after a sickness Mr. L. P. Morgan is at the Exchange Hotel.

en route to his home in Halifax county. Miss Margaret C. Childrey, daughter of the lity Treasurer, returned from New York last

Mr. P. P. Winston returned to the city vesterday after having spent about ten days hunting in Albemarle county.

Miss Mary Howard will spend Christmas in Lynchburg with her aunt, Mrs. Charles M. Blackford. St. Patrick's Reneficial Society, lately or

ganized, is looking out for headquarters, and expects to do good work the coming year. The Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of Virginia will convene in annual session on the 10th of February, 1892 in the city of Leesburg. Misses Mary and Gracie Mack from Dan-ville are visiting their aunt, Mrs. J. S. L. Owen, with whom they will remain until after the holidays.

There will be an important communication to-morrow night at 8:30 o'clock of Richmond Lodge, B. P. O. Elks, at which all members are earnestly requested to be present.

Mr. James W. Anderson, for some years past connected with Aderson's abstract office, on yesterday pasaed his examination before Judges Barton and Leake as an attorney-at-

Mr. V. Benecke, of Stapsfurt. Germany, visited the House of Delegates yesterday, accompanied by Major James H. Capers. Mr. Benecke, who is stopping at Mr. Capers', on Floyd avenue, is the agent of the German potash syndicate, a concern worth about three millions of dollars. The superintendent of the fire-alarm sys-

tem yesterday established a new station at the colored almshouse. The number of the box

Rescue Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, will hold an open meeting Monday hight at Central Hall, to which the public is invited. A good musical and literary pro-gramme has been arranged for the occasion. Miss Minnie Vogel, who has been the guest of Mrs. Jacob Reinhardt for several weeks, returned to her home in Charlotte, N. C., yesterday, accompanied by Miss Emma Rein-

The McGill Catholic Union will have an interesting meeting to-morrow night. The Australian ballot system and the qualifications of voters will be discussed. The principal speakers will be Messrs. William F. Reddy and S. L. Kelley.

FROM LANDS BEYOND THE SEA

News and Gossip of the Week in the Capitals of Europe.

THE COST OF BOOTH'S CAMPAIGNS.

The General Has Spent Two Hundred Thousand Pounds and Wants More-The Only Result a Mock State Trip.

(Special Dunlap Cable to The Times.) London, Dec. 19. - The warning uttered by far-seeing people against the rush on the Booth boom in "Darkest England" last year

The report of the first year's operations shows that the practical result of this much adertised scheme has been that Booth has spent £200,000, and wants more. There is nothing to show for this tremendous expenditure, except the general's mock state trip through the colonies.

THE ST. JOHN MARIUS DIVORCE CASE.

Now that the celebrated St. John-Marius divorce case is over. The real reason for its being instituted has come out. It will be remembered that the fair Florence's second husband boasted of the name of Smith, and on account of Marius' attentions to his then wife

AN ENGLISH SOCIETY LEADER

Mrs. Hargreaves, whose name has lately been so much before the public within the last few days, was the daughter of Colonel Weatherly, who, as well as his son, was killed in a cavalry scout expedition during the Zuiu Always since then she has figured as a typical society woman. She is certainly one of the best known to Southwest England people. In addition to her other accomplishments

The news which has just been received here that there are at present fifty European prisoners in the Soudan has sent a thrill of hope throughout journalistic and other circles that Edmund O'Donovan, the famous travel-er, soldier and war correspondent is alive. He served in the Franco-German war on the French side, and later joined the Republican army in the Carlist war. Then he became a war correspondent and in this capacity saw fighting in the Russo-Turkish war. Subsequently he dritted about Europe, then went to Africa and knecked about generally. Finally he went to Khiva, where he was elected chief then he returned to England and went out with Hicks Pasha for the Daily News.

Abington Baird, whose relations with Mrs. Langtry remain what they were, has obtained a lease from the court to disential his large estates in Aberdeenshire, Derrickshire and Roxburghshire left to him by his father in strict settlement. The court ordered Abington to pay 439.711 to the next heirs of the estate as comparation. tate as compensation.

Lord Dudley, now that he is married and has settled down, means to give up racing and intends to sell his stud in order to devote the whole of his attention to working on the fine mineral properties belowns. AN ACTOR NAMES FOR CAPE TOWN,

Sidney Bowkett, who was last season a

Christmas pudding is not going out of fashion. One well known firm at the West Ind actually made no fewer than forty thousand puddings of different sizes, which are to

about in regard to the celebrated novelist. Guy De Maupassant: it was said that his mind was a total wreck and that he was confined in a private madhouse. These stories turn out to be without foundation and are due to the jealousy and spleen of certain un-successful rivals in literature. Maupassant is one of the most successful writers one of to-day, his works having been trans-lated and circulated all over Europe and America. He is somewhat broken down and America. He is somewhat broken down with Joverwork and suffers from that kind of hervous exhaustion usual in all exhaustive professions, but there is no reason to say that his brain is weakened or his reasonimpaired. Just as Dumas, the elder, was never so happy as when he left Paris for his favorite country house, called "Monte Christo," after his most famous novel, so be Maupassant mids his chief pleasure in visiting Port Rivoria in his yacht "Bei Ami," which he has named after his most popular work. For the

here at this lattle English work called 'In-sanity and Genius.' It points out that all men of talent are mad because of insomnia and undue pressure on brain power. Shake-speare, Byron, Victor Hugo and Gounod were

THE WILL OF A MARCHIONESS CONTESTED. The leading subject of conversation at clubs and in cases at prevent is the disputed will case now being tried in the courts of Montaldier, in which the relations of Marchioness Flessis Belliere contest the validity of her legacy of several millions of francs to His Holiness the Pope.

The counsel for the family of the Marchioness argued that the Holy See is not recognized either by the concordat or by law guarantees as a temporal body, therefore special authority is necessary to pake The leading subject of conversation at

fore special authority is necessary to make bequests to that See valid. He also warned bequests to that See vand. Its also warned the court of the danger of establishing a precedent by which papal right of eminent domain might be re-established in France, as it had existed in centuries long past. "What an anomoly would it be," the learned gentleman exclaimed, "It the Pope could hold property in France when he is not allowed to do so in Italy, his own home." The relations of the Marchioness approve in spirit of the gift, but are not in a position to spare the money, and have asked his Holiness several times to compromise the matter hy a division of the property but have matter by a division of the property, but hav-ing received no answer from the Vatican, they have at last reductantly had recourse to a setthement by law of one of the most important cuestions of the age. The counsel for the Pope denied that any pressure had been brought to bear on testatrix and that her testament, executed in the year 1800, was identical with that of 1880. He accused the family of trying that of 1880. He accused the family of trying to break the will through animosity to the holy see and hopes of profiting by the wreck of their kinswoman's fortune, adding that the Pope is unable to give alms to a family already rich, which has obtained a million and a half france by legacy.

In discussing the legal question the counsel declared that the Holy See was capable of holding property abroad in like manner as the proprietorship of foreign embassies, which he described as an attribute of monarchy, all of whose attatutes were possessed by His Holi-

ness the Pope; therefore he was on the same footing as the rulers of nations.

The counsel concluded by calling on the tribunal to recognize by its verdict the sovereignty of the Pope and his right to acquire and take possession of property bequeathed by will to the see. The Court reserved its decision.

EELICS OF DEPARTED MONARCHS. If Herr Teufelsdreeck in his astral to-day

If Herr Teufelsdreeck in his astral to-day had wandered from Weisenish and flitted into Hotel Drust last Wednesday how delighted he would have been to have noted the sale of frippery of bygone monarchs which was going on there. The collection of various items of dress, some of which belonged to the first Napoleon, some to Louis XVI, and some to the Grand Monargue, Louis XIV., were put up for sale and it must be cenfessed hardly realized the prices one would have expected.

The sword and belt worn by the great Napoleon at Waterloo brought only 91 francs. The nightcap of Louis XIV. realized but 195 francs. A helmet worn by one of the officers of the Grande Armee was sold for 500 francs; a drum of the time of the Revolution, one of those whose rattle had drowned the lastlwords of Louis XVI., was knocked down at 230 francs. A glided wooden sabot, in which Pope Clement VI. had ensconsed his much-kiesed toe, was cheap for any one who cared for that sort of thing at forty francs. Other curious items which have afforded food for reflection to the philosophic mind went for a mere song.

mind went for a mere song. MONUMENT TO VICTOR BUGO,

The sub-committee on works of art, presided over by Monsieur Henri Roujon, visited the Fanth eon yesterday to inspect the model of the monument to Victor Hugo, which has been entrusted to the well-known soulytor. M. Rodin, for execution. It will be remembered that the model prepared last year by the same sculptor was not approved by the sub-committee. Mons. Rodin was requested to make another. to make another.

The post is now represented leaning with

calm and thoughtful air against a rack, which is supposed to be symbolical of earth. At his feet is a group of three female figures borne on the troubled waters of the sea, which they represent. They are voices of ocean telling him of all the agitation his life shall experience. the expression of these faces is very fine.

Above the poet's head is Genius with out-spread wings symbolizing the sky, who touches the poet's forehead with his fingers. The monument will be erected opposite that of Mirabeau.

M. Rodin has already commenced the statue of Balzac, and is also putting the fin-ishing touches to a marble medallion of Casar Franck, which will be shortly placed over the composer's tomb in the cemetery of

Mont Parnasset. A DASTABBLY ATTEMPT,

Some malefactors tried last night to blow up the police-station at Clichy by placing four lighted bombs under the principal entrance.

Fortunately the commissary of police noticed that his dog was busy scratching something and picked up two bombs with fuses still alight, but happily the explesion was averted. The dastardly attempt is attributed to Anar-

IT WAS A PREMEDITATED ATTACK Planned by the Ruscally Chinese on Helpless and Unprotected Christians. (By Cable to The Times.)

LONDON, Dec. 19,-The Church Missionary Society received the following from their head missionary in China: The Chinese appear willing enough to pay all claims; in-deed, they would only be too glad to have the whole thing treated as a matter of so many dollars and bundle all Europeans out of the country at their own It is most marvelous how providentially

everything fitted in to prevent loss of life at the riots. As you may have read, there was no suspicion of danger until the work of destruction commenced, and it was over in half an hour. The whole thing was carefully planned before hand, and the whole band the active rioters aid not number over fifty-knew exactly what to do. We have saved nothing just escaping in the clothes we stood in: and so near were we pressed for time that a baby was snatched out of her bath and carried on board the steamer wrap-Christmas pudding is not going out of fashion. One well known firm at the West End actually made no fewer than forty thousand puddings of different sizes, which are to be sent all over the world.

DE MAUPASSANT PROSTRATED.

Overwork Leaves Him in a State of Nervous Exhaustion.

(Special Dunlap Cable to the Times.)

Pags, Dec. 12.—There has been a great deal of disturbance here this week in literary society at the report that has been flying about in recard to the celebrated novelist. same manner before. There was no standing, shouting, throwing stenes, etc., but as soon as the sign was given windows were smashed in with pickaxes, and the houses fired with kerosene. My house was the only one looted and there was no attempt to burn it. It is a thorough wreek, destroyed past repair. Every door and window is wrenched off, the floor torn up, plaster knocked down and holes made right through the walls. Most things were carried off, with crowds of mandarine and soldiers looking on and doing nothing. The plane was dragged out on the lawn, every piece of wood work chopped of, and the solid iron frame was lying on its back with half a dozen strings intact, on which a soldier was-trying to best out music with a sick, when I visited the rains. I cannot bear to think on what we have lost—so much that never can be rewe have lost so much that never can be re-placed, and for which money is no equivalent,

We are down here in Shanghai.
I do not know for how long, as knows when things are to be settled. We have just to wait with what patience we can for news from home. The riots are so wide-spread and so well or annued and the Chinese covernment so persistently recuses to punish the officials implicated that I see no prospects but war sconer or later, and the mooner the better. There is not a port on the Yang Tse that would be safe for six hours but for the

gunboats, nor is there a single steamer leaving Shanghai secure from pirates. State of Siege in Ensslan-Famine Districts (Special Dunlan Cable to The Times.)

Gescow, Dec. 19.—It is reported here that a state of siege will shortly be proclaimed through the famine-stricken districts of Russia in view of the agitation among peasantry.

Zanzibar to be a Free Port,

[By Cable to The Times.] London, Dec. 19 .- It is officially announced that Zanzibar will be a free trade port, except

so far as alcohol and munitions of war are concerned after January next. Found Guilty of Murder. New Yors, Dec. 12.—The jury in the case of the colored man, Noah Richards, charged with the murder of Policeman J. J. Sherman. after being locked up all night, brought a sealed verdiet this morning into court, find-ing Richards guilty of murder in the first de-gree, but recommended that he be examined as to his mental condition.

Whites and Blacks Blot. BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Dec. 19.—Another riot occurred at Coalburg to-day, near the scene of last night's riot, on the passenger train, The troubles was between whites and blacks
John Stephens was shot and killed by

white man, who was also fatally shot. ---No Preparations for War.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—War and Navy Department officials say that there is absolutely no foundation for statements published to-day that the War and Naval branches of the Government are making active preparations for war with Chili.

Levi P. Morton's Former Partner Dead. New York, Dec. 12.—George B. Grinnell, formerly partner with Levi P. Morton in the dry goods business, and later a leading stock broker, died to-day, aged sixty-eight years, of

has been confirmed up to the hilt.

he obtained a divorce. At that time Smith was a poor man, but he has recently inherited a fortune of 415,600 a year, and he finds that absence has made his heart grow fonder, and like Barkis, she is willing now that he has so much money. In fact, Smith put up the money which was required for the case, Cohen heing only used as a set of the case. being only used as a cat's-paw.

war. She is now over thirty years of age, an married Major margreaves sixteen years ago she is an excellent amateur actress. EDMUND O'DONOVAN PROBABLY ALIVE.

THE LANGUAY'S LOVER DISENTALLS HIS LETATE.

LORD DUDLET SETTLES DOWN

member of Augustin Daly's forces, but left that manager during his London season to join Mrs. James Brown Potter and Kyrle Bellew in their African tour, sailed to-day for Cape Town.
FORTY THOUSAND CHRISTMAN BUDDINGS.

named after his most popular work. For the last tew days he has been on a cruise.

He left Cannes this week for Nine, where he has many friends and some near relations. Much interest is felt in the case by the eminent Dr. Charcet, who said: "All men of letters, poets, musicians have in my opinion a screw loose more or less. What astomishes me is that some of them are still sane; but mark my words, their turn will come. Look here at this little English work called 'Insanity and Genius.' It points out that all